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Buford for Lieutenant Governor



Of Reynolds county, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, subject to Primary Election, Aug. 3, 1920.

Was born in Reynolds county, Missouri, March 3, 1876.

Worked on farm and attended public schools until 17 years old.

Taught in the public schools of the county and attended Missouri State Normal school at Cape Girardeau from 1892 to 1896.

School commissioner of Reynolds county 1896 to 1898.

Licensed to practice law, May, 1895.

Clerk of circuit court and recorder of deeds for Reynolds county, 1899 to 1906.

Elected to the Missouri Senate, 24th district, November, 1906.

Re-elected 1910-1914 and 1918 without democratic or republican opposition.

ALL OF 'EM GETTING DOWN ON THE HOME STRETCH

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fast running and his strength in rural Missouri, especially the very dry counties, must not be overlooked. Arthur Neal Lindsay, the Clinton preacher, will receive support in spots, but it is figured by political wisecracks, he will run fifth and the sixth contestant, John "Quiet" Higdon, the St. Louis patent lawyer, will cross the line last. Editor Scruton is being warmly supported by many rural democratic editors. "Watch his smoke on primary day; he is coming down the pike in central Missouri at a scorching pace," declare some of his newspapermen enthusiasts.

Rural Mayor Forces Want Fair Count

The demand of the gubernatorial candidate, former State Senator Frank Farris, who has earned for himself the pseudonym, "the Ozark Orator," that the votes cast for all democratic and republican candidates on primary day in St. Louis and Kansas City be squarely and actually counted, has met with the approval of all "dry" candidates who are running for minor state nominations on both tickets. The cry of "count the votes" has been taken up out in the state by the friends of Judge Charles Holt Mayer, the St. Joseph candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, and is being echoed up all creeks. These electors fear that in some St. Louis wards where the sentiment is strong for Senator Farris because of the popularity of his "wet" platform, the judges and clerks may make the mistake in their over zealous efforts to give him a good lead, of crediting votes cast for the St. Joseph candidate and for John M. Atkinson to his column. Such mistakes have happened for other candidates in that big Mississippi river manufacturing center in former years. There are those who firmly believe that four years ago when Atkinson made his initial race for the democratic nomination for governor he actually received over 5,000 votes in St. Louis. The final and full returns from all wards only allowed him a vote there of less than 1,000.

It is already known that former Senator Farris, if he is defeated for the nomination for governor, will be put on the democratic ticket in Phelps county for representative and will be easily put over at the November election. In his now famous state capitol speech of a few days ago

1907 chairman of committee on criminal cost.

1909 chairman of committee on agriculture.

1911 chairman of committee on privileges and elections and redistricting.

1913 chairman of committee on ways and means.

1914 appointed by the governor chairman of auditing committee.

1915 president pro tem of the senate.

1916 and 1918 appointed by the governor, chairman of the visiting committee.

1919 chairman of committee on elections and constitutional amendments.

He has the solid endorsement of Southeast Missouri Democracy. His record is good and his name on the Democratic ticket means thousands of votes in November.

he announced, in brief, that if he is not given all the votes he is entitled to in St. Louis, if the "count" there defeats him, he will envision the session of the next general assembly with his primary investigation activities.

Mayer Forces Active in Rural Missouri

Out in the state and in the city of St. Louis those who favor the candidacy of Judge Mayer are canvassing all nooks and corners to corral any democratic votes which are still unattached. The withdrawal from the race of Col. Ruby D. Garrett, the Kansas City soldier-lawyer candidate, leaves that industrial center without a gubernatorial aspirant, and turned loose about 25,000 votes and the support of the Kansas City Post, the only democratic daily newspaper there. Since then Judge Mayer has made substantial gains there. Miles Bulger, one of Tom Pendergast's leading lieutenants, has declared for Frank Farris.

The Kansas City Post is friendly to and strongly leaning toward the candidacy of Judge Mayer, a fact, if it continues, which will materially assist in nearly evenly dividing the 25,000 democratic votes predicted there on primary day between Judge Mayer, Farris and Atkinson. At this writing the big banker, William T. Kemper, and Tom Pendergast are still for Atkinson.

Who Is Shannon Favoring?

Joe Shannon remains undecided. This democratic leader recently conferred with both Judge Mayer and Farris and will cast his lot with Kansas City democrats, say with one or the other by Saturday unless Kemper can persuade him to climb into the front seat of the Atkinson callopie. Atkinson will be given a big vote out in Jackson county.

It is announced by the Springfield Leader that R. T. Wood, the president of the State Federation of Labor, has endorsed the candidacy of former State Senator Farris, and has advised all democratic union men in Missouri to vote for him primary day.

The St. Louis Building Trades council, with its 20,000 voting members, does not approve fully of all candidates' endorsements of President Wood of the State Federation of Labor and will issue a slate of its own before primary day. Many of its members favor Atkinson because of the fearless and successful fight he made in behalf of the unionized building trades of the state to submit the new compensation law through referendum petition to a vote of state electors for their approval or rejection in

November. For this reason it is also announced hundreds of democratic lawyers out in the state are supporting Atkinson.

Between Mayer and Farris Among "wet" democrats in St. Louis the gubernatorial primary contest is between Farris and Mayer. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the St. Louis Star are opposing the candidacy of Farris editorially and otherwise. The latter daily has come out for Atkinson. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch is at present neutral when it comes to Judge Mayer and Atkinson, and has editorially called upon Farris to prove his assertion that a large sum of money has been put up by public service companies and other "interests" to deliver the St. Louis democratic primary vote to certain candidates on the state ticket.

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LABOR MAKES ITS STATE OFFICER CHOICE

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the Missouri State Federation of Labor and the four railroad brotherhoods have investigated the records of candidates for state offices and has submitted its findings in a circular letter addressed to the various locals throughout the state. The committee does not make recommendations. It simply submits the records of the various candidates with the obvious intention of allowing the voter to make his own selections, and with the idea that he will know enough to vote for his friends.

Buford and McClintic Indorsed by Labor

The candidacy of State Senator Robert S. McClintic of Paris, Monroe county, who also has been indorsed by the Missouri-Shipp Branch of the national "dry" organization, The Anti-Saloon League; is indorsed for the democratic nomination of lieutenant-governor in the organized labor political circular. Since then State Senator Carter M. Buford, the other democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor, has received a letter of indorsement from President Wood of the State Federation of Labor, carrying the date of "July 20, 1920." This communication places these two sterling aspirants for the democratic nomination for lieutenant-governor, Senator Buford and McClintic, when it comes to the democratic labor vote of Missouri on primary day, are on an equal footing.

No Indorsements for State Auditor

The political indorsement circular of July 12 of organized labor of Missouri, as reproduced in the Hannibal Labor Press, fails to enlighten union men as to whom they ought to vote for on primary day on either the republican or democratic ticket for state auditor. John T. Fitzpatrick, of Kansas City, formerly labor commissioner of Missouri, democratic aspirant for that nomination, has received the endorsement, so far, of a dozen strong labor unions in his home city. Robert E. Lee Marrs of Carthage, secretary of the last and previous state senate, has a letter from President Wood of the Missouri State Federation of Labor indorsing him as a "friend of the cause" and warmly tendering thanks for the many courtesies and favors, officially and otherwise, that, in the past, he extended to the members of legislative committees organized labor maintained at the state capitol during the last three or four sessions of the general assembly. Marrs and State Treasurer George A. Middelkamp and Fitzpatrick are opposing each other for the democratic nomination for state auditor. Middelkamp, as state treasurer, helped materially to build up the big state democratic administration efficiency record which will be the chief asset in piloting the party state ticket selected primary day, August 3, to an old-time democratic landslide victory at the November election.

Senatorial Record of McGruder Warmly Endorsed

The organized labor political circular opposes the candidacy of Editor E. E. McMinnsey of Springfield for the republican nomination for governor, and that of Farris and Atkinson

for the democratic nomination. The aspiration of State Senator McGruder of Sedalia, democratic floor leader of the last statesenate, received the warmest indorsement of all that are tendered any of the republican or democratic candidates for places on their party state tickets. Here it is: "Mark A. McGruder has a splendid record of labor legislation. He worked and voted for the bills introduced in behalf of the State Federation and the four railroad brotherhoods. Was the author of the Senate Workmen's Compensation Bill, introduced on behalf of the Missouri State Federation in the last session of the legislature. The able manner in which Senator McGruder worked and battled for the Workmen's Compensation Law, before the senate, Workmen's Compensation Committee, and on the floor of the senate, entitles him to the everlasting gratitude of the workers of the state and we can cheerfully commend him as worthy of the staunch support of the workers for the position which he seeks and we hope the workers will not fail to show their appreciation of his valuable services by rallying to his support in the primaries, and, later, at the November election." Several farmers' organizations of Missouri and the Missouri Commercial Drummers Association and the members of several fraternal organizations are warmly supporting McGruder for attorney-general.

The Language Used

The organized labor political indorsement circular explains its object in the following language:

"St. Joseph, Mo., July 12.

"To all Organized Labor of Missouri. Greetings: At a joint meeting held in Kansas City, Mo., July 2, by the executive board of the State Federation and the legislative representatives of the four railway brotherhoods—called for the purpose of scrutinizing the records of the candidates for state and congressional offices, we carefully considered the general attitude of the candidate as shown by their actions towards questions affecting the welfare of the workers of the state, and herewith submit for your information and earnest consideration, the following comments and recommendations:"

Judge Charles Holt Mayer's Friendly Attitude Endorsed

The candidacy of Judge Mayer of St. Joseph for the democratic nomination for governor is approved of and submitted to organized labor of Missouri in the following language: "Charles H. Mayer of St. Joseph, Mo., has repeatedly asserted in public that he was against the Industrial Court Law of Kansas, and further states that if he is elected governor there would be no Industrial Court Law in Missouri, if he could prevent it. His general attitude toward questions vitally affecting the interests of the workers seems to be friendly."

A. T. EDMONSTON.

And Cox Will Do It

The first bet of consequence on the result of the presidential nomination was made before the Democratic candidate was named at San Francisco—a wager of \$36,000 by a group of wealthy Ohio men that if Cox were nominated he would carry Ohio by at least 80,000. The bet was taken by a group of prosperous California Republicans—Clinton County Democrat.

A well on the H. B. Miller farm which was short on water was drilled to the depth of 380 feet. No water was forthcoming, but enough oil was discovered to raise the hopes of all the land owners of the North River country, notes the Shelby County Herald.

WHAT A NOTED ENGINEER HAS TO SAY

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for one year, and the canals draining lake Okeechobee were excavated 12 feet deep and 60 feet wide from source to mouth. The force of water from the lake was such that the canals ran full of water all the way from lake to ocean, allowing no water to leave the Glades.

Mr. Young suggested that the Palm Beach canal be made 100 feet wide at the lake and expand gradually to 200 feet at the ocean. This allowed the water from the lake to gradually fall, allowing the water from the Glades to flow off and make it fit for farming. The Deerfield, Miami, Reid and Ft. Lauderdale canals are being widened on the same principle and in a short time six million acres of land that was formerly considered worthless will become the garden spot of the world.

Saved the Government Millions

The crowning glory of Mr. Young's fertile brain is the fresh water park for our navy at Seattle, Washington. During his stay at Ritts a small sea going vessel was towed up the Deerfield canal to Lake Okeechobee. She was to have been put on the East Side dry docks and cleaned of barnacles. There were other vessels ahead of her and after two weeks stay in the soft, fresh water of the lake she was lifted to the ways and her hull was found as clean and bright as the day she was built. "Old Sea Dogs" shook their heads and could offer no suggestions as to what caused the barnacle laden vessel to become so clean. Mr. Young solved the problem by stating that sea barnacles could not live in fresh water. They simply died and fell off. Captain W. B. King, of the Naval Maintenance Board, who was spending his vacation at Ritts, took the matter up with the authorities at Washington, experiments were made, the theory of Mr. Young was proven correct, the park established at Seattle, and other parks are in course of construction. It formerly cost the government \$15,000 each year to clean our vessels of barnacles, or sea goons, as they are sometimes called. Multiply \$14 by 15,000 and you will find that the suggestion or discovery, as the scientists would say, of Mr. Young is saving the United States the neat sum of five million and twenty-four thousand dollars per annum. Captain Joseph H. Kent of Roanoke, Virginia, who was in charge of the geological survey of Utah, informed me that Mr. Young was with him, and that he found him the most resourceful and all-round valuable man he ever had in his employ.

Just why Mr. Young has buried himself on a farm is something I can not understand. He would have made one of the best civil engineers in the world. If you send him to Congress he will be heard from.

Yours truly,

J. W. JACKSON,
Chief Engineer, Ft. Lauderdale, Okeechobee & Gulf R. R.

Orders Babler Retained

And now comes one Will Hays, national Republican chairman, and issues an edict that the movement in the Republican party in Missouri to oust Jacob Babler, Republican national committeeman from this state, must stop. The plan to fumigate the g. o. p. in this state has fallen down and the house cleaning cry to "turn the rascals out" has gone unheeded. —Howell County Gazette.

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